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All Expressmen of the City of Chicago are cordially invited to attend a meeting of the Expressmen's Union, to be held at Temple Hall, Friday Evening, March 25, at 7½ P. M.

JAMES RIAN, Secretary.

THE UNDERSIGNED,

Widow of the Professor Richard Hoffer, hereby returns sincere thanks to the Chicago Fire Department for their kind and to-the-point, and at the same time, prompt action in saving the property of the late Professor Richard Hoffer, on the night of the 8th inst., and also to the Chicago Fire Department for their kind and

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THE GRAND JURY.

The grand jury of the Recorder's Court on Saturday found bills of indictment against Augustus H. Burley, William H. Custer, and John McArthur (members of the Board of Public Works), and Rufus Rand and Cass Chapman (architects of the new city building known as the west wing of the Court House). The bill charges the above-mentioned parties with erecting a building dangerous to the lives of the workmen thereon, and the future occupants thereof, and the public generally, and with the offence of creating and establishing a common nuisance, contrary to the peace and dignity of the people of the State of Illinois. The testimony taken by the grand jury, and upon which they have found the bill, is kept secret for the time being. The jury state that they find the exterior walls and the foundations upon which they rest secure; but that the interior walls are insecure and dangerous to life and limb. The bill is printed in full in another column.

The action of the jury in this case is, in some respects, astounding. It is astounding, for instance, that a jury should have the courage to find an indictment against public officers for their official acts. It is altogether out of the common run of things that anybody should be blamed for anything. It is astonishing that a public building of the size and cost of this one should have been erected, against which such charges could be brought. It is truly astounding that we should be told that four gentlemen on LaSalle street, when going about their daily business, are incurring the hazard of being crushed by falling walls. After all the commotion of the past week the public were not quite prepared for such a revelation as this.

Of course the testimony thus far taken is ex parte. The individuals named in the bill of indictment are not to be tried, and it is neither safe nor fair to assume that they are guilty of the misdemeanor alleged. If they have erected a dangerous and unsafe structure, as is charged, in the bill, of course they did not intend to do so. A conviction upon the charge would amount simply to proof of incompetence, or dereliction and neglect of duty. While saying this in behalf of gentlemen who have always borne a high reputation in this community, we are bound to add that the grand jury are to be commended for the fearless discharge of their duty. If the building is unsafe and dangerous it must be taken down before it comes down on the heads of its future inmates. If it is really a safe and trustworthy structure, then the existing doubts regarding it should be removed, so that the public may transact business in it without fear of their lives. The investigation will be productive of good at all events, and we know of no method of arriving at the truth so effective and satisfactory as a judicial investigation, where compulsory process for witnesses can be obtained, oaths administered, counsel employed, and the safety and security of stone examination had. Meanwhile let all prejudices be laid aside, and let all presumptions be in favor of the parties accused.

The jury find that the old Court House is safe. While there has been some settling of the walls on the east and west sides, the investigation reveals nothing which should cause alarm to the occupants of the building.

KEARNEY AND THE SUPERVISORS.

Last night, the resolution requesting him to resign as President, and also to resign as a member of the Board, was divided, and the vote taken on the first part. Against this request eight members voted. No other vote has yet been taken to show who are Kearney's supporters, and, thus far, we have had only eight men to place their names on record against even the very mild censure proposed. It is to be hoped that the names of these members should be known. They were: Berg, Seventh Ward; Magner, Third Ward. Conley, Fifteenth Ward; Ward, Sixth Ward. Gerber, Eighteenth; Veach, Wheeling.

The other part of the resolution, requesting him to resign as a member, was postponed. It will be resurrected at the next meeting, and we hope will not. Unless there be enough members who will vote to expel him, why should he resign? If he has committed no offence justifying expulsion, why should he resign, either as President or as a member? Kearney is wise enough to know this, and to know that the request to resign is a mere escape for those who will not vote to expel him, and yet are afraid to vote against expulsion and meet their constituents. But those eight men have the territory of Kearney himself. They dare to meet the issue boldly and directly. They vote against everything. They advertise to the public that, according to their apprehension, Kearney has done nothing wrong. The influence is that they would do the same if they had the chance. They have made this issue with their constituents, and they will be attended to in due time.

How many more of the Supervisors agree with those eight? If the men elected to that body to reform abuses, and root out evils have not the numerical strength to convict Kearney, let them, at least, compel a show of hands. Kearney's conviction or expulsion is a matter of small concern compared with the question whether his constituency is represented by a majority of the board. The public fully understand the case of Kearney, but they want to know something about all the others, and that knowledge is only to be had by a direct and square vote, by yeas and nays, of the full board. We modestly ask, at least, force the board to such a vote, and no matter which way it may be decided, the public will then understand how many, beside Kearney, abhor the jocular President, and to cast their lots with him.

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If these regulations be carried out (and it is understood that the new blanks are already printed), the effect will be to destroy the basis on which business men compute the probabilities of profit or loss on prospective operations. It will be next to impossible to obtain from any other source a knowledge of the receipts and shipments of produce by water; and these form so large a proportion of the aggregate commerce of Chicago that, without such statistics the world is useless, and the railroad statistics would be useless, except as they would show the traffic along each line of road. This change made, and the Government permitted to keep [illegible] operations, as at present, and there would be absolutely no means whereby a grain dealer could look ahead. The result would be a partial paralysis of the grain trade of this city, and of many other departments of commerce.

It has been claimed that the change will effect a saving of 75 per cent in the operating expenses of the Custom House. Even if this were true, the saving would be a fiction. But we very much question the correctness of the claim. Collector McLain, of this city, estimates that the difference of expense would be very small, as a full corps of clerks would necessarily be employed to keep a record of our foreign commerce, and they would have ample time to fill in the leading details of our domestic transportation. The proposed change is not reform, but retrogression. It is a change from light to darkness. As a manifestation of economy, it is like risking one's neck in a blind alley in the night time, in order to save the expense of a farthing dip.

THE POSTAL BUSINESS OF CHICAGO.

The Postmaster General has reported to Congress that he has received returns from 464 Post Offices, and that it appears that there were sent in the mails during January, 1870, under frank, 666,901 letters, the postage on which would have been $117,399.73; and 846,194 pounds of printed matter, the postage on which, at regular rates, would have been $42,364.56. The great bulk of these free letters are said from a comparatively few places. We give those where the number exceeds 2,000 during the month: Chicago, 80,619; Peoria, 2,056; Louisville, 7,900; New Orleans, 14,300; Portland, 4,129; Baltimore, 8,381; Boston, 17,489; St. Louis, 6,581; Albany, 3,766; Buffalo, 6,497; Brooklyn, 9,237; New York city, 76,987; Cincinnati, 17,263; Dayton, 2,068; Toledo, 2,439; Philadelphia, 5,784; Nashville, 4,442; Milwaukee, 4,500; Washington, 237,137.

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THE POSTAL BUSINESS OF CHICAGO.

The Postmaster General has reported to Congress that he has received returns from 464 Post Offices, and that it appears that there were sent in the mails during January, 1870, under frank, 666,901 letters, the postage on which, if paid, would have been $117,399.73; and 846,194 pounds of printed matter, the postage on which, at regular rates, would have been $42,364.56. The great bulk of these free letters are said from a comparatively few places. We give those where the number exceeds 2,000 during the month: Chicago, 80,619; Peoria, 2,056; Louisville, 7,900; New Orleans, 14,300; Portland, 4,129; Baltimore, 8,381; Boston, 17,489; St. Louis, 6,581; Albany, 3,766; Buffalo, 6,497; Brooklyn, 9,237; New York city, 76,987; Cincinnati, 17,263; Dayton, 2,068; Toledo, 2,439; Philadelphia, 5,784; Nashville, 4,442; Milwaukee, 4,500; Washington, 237,137.

We have given the figures exactly as they are stated by the Postmaster General in his report. It will be seen that Washington sends out about one-third, and that New York and Chicago combined send out nearly one-fourth of the whole number. It will also be noticed that the number of free letters sent from this city during the month exceeds by many thousand those sent from New York, and that it exceeds the aggregate sent from Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, Cincinnati, Brooklyn, and St. Louis combined. During January the Senator and member of Congress resident in Chicago were in Washington, and this apparently immense number of free letters received no contributions from them. At first we thought that the returns included the free letters intended for other points and sent here to be distributed over the various mail routes leaving Chicago; but, upon inquiry, find this not to be the case, and that, in point of fact, over 80,000 free letters were mailed and sent from this City Post Office. Who wrote these letters, and to whom were they addressed? The only persons in Chicago entitled to send free letters are the Postmaster, United States Marshal, United States Collector of Customs, and the Collector and Assessor of Internal Revenue. These can only send official letters, and, except the Postmaster, have official correspondence only with the departments at Washington. The Postmaster, however, has a wider field. This office is the grand centre from which postal matters are regulated in the West, and on the Pacific coast, and most of the business is done through the Chicago office. Upon inquiry at the Post Office, we learn that in the month of February there were 26,000 letters mailed at this office on official business, under the frank of the Postmaster alone, and that was greatly below the monthly average. The other free letters are made up from communications from the various public officers in the State, and from individuals addressed to authorities at Washington, and to Senators and Representatives entitled to receive them free.

It is but just to add that Chicago is now, in the number of its letters and amount of its general business, the leading office in the United States; and that the excess in the number of free letters mailed here over that of New York city is but proportionate to the excess of paid letters at this office over that of New York.

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FOREIGN.

Debate on the Educational Bill in the British Commons.

Accounts of Recent Fighting in Cuba.

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GREAT BRITAIN.

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CRIMINAL.

Action of the Grand Jury of the Recorder's Court on the West Wing.

An Indictment Found Against the Board of Public Works, and Rose and Chapman.

They are Accused of Establishing and Maintaining a "Common Public Nuisance."

The East Wing Investigation—Roof Builders and Architects on the Witness Stand.

Further Meeting on the Safety of the Old Court House—Report of Mr. Architect Randall.

The Building Considered Very Unsafe—The Roof Liable to Fall Any Moment.

Extraordinary Indictments.

The grand jury of the Recorder's Court yesterday concluded its session, and gave its views upon the condition of the Court House buildings, as follows: The charge of the Court for an investigation into the cause of the falling in of the roof of the [illegible] of the Court House, and the present condition of the west half of the whole building, [illegible] attention of the jury. They have [illegible] and taken the testimony of such witnesses as they thought were competent to judge of the matter referred to by the Court, which testimony it herewith submitted, and is made a part of this report. The investigation has satisfied the jury that no apprehension need be had so far as the safety of the old Court House building; that, while the evidence shows that a slight settling of the east and south walls has taken place, no portion of said building is in any danger of falling, and no part

POVERTY ON THE AVENUE.

A Husband Thrown Into Jail, and His Family Left to Starve.

It was mentioned in THE TRIBUNE a few days ago that a man named James Fowler had been committed to jail, in default of one hour bail, for the non-support of his wife and children. Mr. Fowler, his wife and several children came to this city from Lonsdale, Ky., the head of the family having been employed as a driver of a street car. He was discharged, and when out of funds borrowed money to pay his fare to this city. Yesterday Fowler was released from jail, but, owing to the poverty of his wife and children, he was unable to pay the fine imposed upon him. He was compelled to remain in jail with Mr. Fowler. The latter has been sick for a long time, and the fact that his wife and children were left to starve while he was in jail was the cause of his being committed. Fowler's wife and children are now living in a miserable hovel on Fifth-avenue, near Twenty-first-street, and but for the charity of the neighbors would have starved to death. Fowler is now confined in the County Jail, and the family are left to the charity of the neighbors. Fowler is said to be a hard-working man, and has been employed for the past two years by the Lonsdale Street Railway Company. He is a native of Ireland, and has been in this country about seven years. His wife is also a native of Ireland, and has been in this country about the same length of time. Fowler is a member of the Knights of Labor, and his wife is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary Board. Fowler is a man about thirty-five years of age, and his wife is about the same age. They have been married about eight years. Fowler is a man of temperate habits, and has never been in trouble before. He has been employed steadily since his connection with the Lonsdale Street Railway Company. Fowler is said to be a hard-working man, and has been employed by the Lonsdale Street Railway Company for the past two years. He is a native of Ireland, and has been in this country about seven years. His wife is also a native of Ireland, and has been in this country about the same length of time. Fowler is a member of the Knights of Labor, and his wife is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary Board. Fowler is a man about thirty-five years of age, and his wife is about the same age. They have been married about eight years. Fowler is a man of temperate habits, and has never been in trouble before. He has been employed steadily since his connection with the Lonsdale Street Railway Company.

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Meteorological record for March 19, 1878, as reported by J. G. Langguth, Jr., optician, No. 117 Randolph-street, correspondent to the smithsonian Institute. The record of "weather" is kept by the words "clear," "cloudy," "rain," "snow," "most atmosphere."

Time.	Bar.	Wind.	Dir.	Rain fall.
7 a.m.	29.82	S.W., L.	S.W.	
2 p.m.	29.82	S.W., L.	S.W.	
9 p.m.	29.82	S.W., L.	S.W.	

MINIMUM ELEVATION—Observed, March 19. Sun rises 6:1 | Sun sets 6:36 | Moon rises 11:17 | Moon sets 12:1

BUSINESS CHANCES.

AN OLD ESTABLISHED BILLIARD SALOON for sale; two new tenths to lease, and furniture for sale. Inquire at 84 Randolph-st.

A LARGE BOARDING HOUSE, FULLY FURNISHED, for sale cheap. Inquire at 84 Randolph-st.

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FINANCIAL—$5,000 TO LOAN FOR ONE OR TWO years on first-class city property; interest 8 per cent. Address Z 32, Tribune office.

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FOR SALE—ONE MACKEREL & URBAN SAFE, in good condition. Apply at Farmers' platform scales. Apply to JAMES LEONARD, at West Lake-st.

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REMINISCENCES OF TRAVEL.

From Verona to Munich.

A Day in Munich.

Statuary--Royalty.

Written for The Chicago Tribune.

Pressing engagements in Germany brought my sojourn in Vienna to a hurried close. I left the hotel early in the morning, and was soon tearing Deutschlandwards in an express train, or what does duty for one in Germany; the diminishing along the edge of a precipice, soon sailing through the air on invisible trestles. Then a shrill note from the engine, and we plunged into darkness, the flashes of the mountain echoing back, in a hundred notes, the rumbling of iron wheels. The light creeps in at the windows, and we are soon out in the sunshine. The difference in temperature from the plains around Verona was very great, and before long I brought out my railway rug and overcoat, took a sip of opium from my flask, and, lighting a big Cabanas, settled down in a corner to enjoy the scenery. As we left Italy the vegetation lost its freshness, the trees seemed stunted, the flowers less brilliant in color; the landscape grew wilder, high rocks covered with heather and underbrush, deep ravines between mountain, and bold ridges marked the view; few houses, which at last disappeared altogether. The scenery grew every moment more savage in character till we reached Innspruck, the capital of the province of Tyrol. Here the style of the buildings in the plains of Bavaria was accompanied by a transition to a warmer temperature. The Tyrolese is a peculiar people, who have a language of their own. The quaint dress of the Bavarian peasantry has entirely disappeared, and the German faces lined the waiting rooms at the stations. Big, swaggering fellows, with their hair cut short, military airs, rattling at their heels. Broad-shouldered market-women, with enormous baskets of eggs and provisions weighing down their heads, developing their incipient growth, which in the case of some promised a hideous future. Bavarian gentlemen, going to their business, dressed in picturesque costumes of green cloth, with deer-stocks 7-either in their hats. English and American tourists overwhelmed with baggage, and surrounded by small and helpless children, together with French governesses—governing no place.

My stoppage at Innspruck was brief. At one station an unwieldy fellow, with a brush, a pail, and a compartment with six seminary girls, mistook them for the gentlemen's toilet-room, and looks like an accident. Another got out with half a dozen ravens, his red face, flattened against the glass, looked stolidly out on the landscape. I hoops up the dignity of the Established Church, in that position, to the utter discomfiture of the Baptist and Methodist. Occasionally, hanging, hairy-scurry. We slump over the cross-ties into the next station at Munich, and I, with my travel-drinking porters struggle for our seats, as is the habit of these Germans, who dislike to be "left." At Vienna Hotel," and "Fahr-Tahressein," are all recommended, in stentorian tones, to every stranger who alights, and nothing but a "Fahr-Tahressein," or Hotel of the Four Seasons, is, beyond dispute, to be found in the city of Munich. Arrived at the hotel, I was assigned a first-class room, with a magnificent view of the Karl Platz, and was much entertained by her anecdotes of Munich and the young King, whose peculiarities seem to have no end. Youthful royalty seems to be taking *in vogue* *our mode of late*, which reminds me of the following anecdote of the present young King, as suggested by the Prince of Wales' late escapade:

First Fast Youth. "It's singular the Prince of Wales put on such a bold face before the Mayor."

Second. "What surprises me is, that he wasn't ruined."

The royal Wittelsbach has not emulated the Prince of Wales in all respects. If report is true, he never got in debt.

I dined late—tiens, *et paloubeh*, both unaccustomed—and did I regret the Falernian.

After dining, I went to the opera, and got an indigestion listening to Wagner's music. *Mem.*—If it is ever my misfortune to hear concerts, I then went to bed; all night the Rhine, the Rhine, and the pretty Princess mingled in dreams, suggested by a day in Munich.

VIATOR.

The Lake Dwellings of Northern Germany.

A very interesting lecture was delivered by Professor Virchow, of Berlin University, in a recent sitting of the newly created Anthropological Society of Berlin, on the "Lake Dwellings of Northern Germany." He said that no traces of man and his works had been found as yet in the earlier strata in Northern Germany, although the Diluvial (Drayton) Period was one traces had been discovered. The discovery of the latter was made in a gravel mour near Weimar, in Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Another settlement is found near the village of Lubbow, on the Plauin, in Pomerania; his dwelling was also discovered in the Wurtzelle Lake, not far from Neustrelitz, and Joachimsthal, near the village of Altenhof (Posen) and another near Arnswald (Neumark) in the East of Hinterpom.

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My stoppage at Innspruck was brief. At one station an unwieldy fellow, with a brush, a pail, and a compartment with six seminary girls, mistook them for the gentlemen's toilet-room, and looks like an accident. Another got out with half a dozen ravens, his red face, flattened against the glass, looked stolidly out on the landscape. I hoops up the dignity of the Established Church, in that position, to the utter discomfiture of the Baptist and Methodist. Occasionally, hanging, hairy-scurry. We slump over the cross-ties into the next station at Munich, and I, with my travel-drinking porters struggle for our seats, as is the habit of these Germans, who dislike to be "left." At Vienna Hotel," and "Fahr-Tahressein," are all recommended, in stentorian tones, to every stranger who alights, and nothing but a "Fahr-Tahressein," or Hotel of the Four Seasons, is, beyond dispute, to be found in the city of Munich. Arrived at the hotel, I was assigned a first-class room, with a magnificent view of the Karl Platz, and was much entertained by her anecdotes of Munich and the young King, whose peculiarities seem to have no end. Youthful royalty seems to be taking *in vogue* *our mode of late*, which reminds me of the following anecdote of the present young King, as suggested by the Prince of Wales' late escapade:

First Fast Youth. "It's singular the Prince of Wales put on such a bold face before the Mayor."

Second. "What surprises me is, that he wasn't ruined."

The royal Wittelsbach has not emulated the Prince of Wales in all respects. If report is true, he never got in debt.

I dined late—tiens, *et paloubeh*, both unaccustomed—and did I regret the Falernian.

After dining, I went to the opera, and got an indigestion listening to Wagner's music. *Mem.*—If it is ever my misfortune to hear concerts, I then went to bed; all night the Rhine, the Rhine, and the pretty Princess mingled in dreams, suggested by a day in Munich.

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With a change of aim has followed a change of the means by which men and things were wont to be measured. Wealth and poverty are very different terms from what they were. It is not to be seen that the poor are only those who feel poor, and poverty consists in feeling poor. Not rich, as we reckon them, and among those the very rich, in a true sense, would be found very poor. The poverty of the Virginia planters, the first of all, the indifference of circumstances. They call into activity the higher powers, and least hinders the free healthy habits of comfort and luxury; but the higher perceptions find their objects everywhere in the air, in the field, in cottages and palaces and banquets.

Let a man, then, be—. My house is here in the country, in the culture of the county; an eating-house and sleeping-house for travellers and friends. Or let me be—. I prefer a city more. I pray you, O excellent wife, not to cumber yourself with the cares which the friendship of your husband has slighted at our gate, not a bookmaker made ready at his great a cost, or a picture-gallery, or curious in, they can get for a dollar at any village, but for the stranger, for the guest, for the friend in your second self, whose heart and countenance, your thought and your will, you shall read, and supply from your own, in any village or city, and which he may well travel fifty miles to see. Honor and honors attend her, in order to behold. Certainly, let the board be spread and the house be dressed for the traveller; but let not the emphasis of hospitality lie in these things. Honor to the stranger, but honor also to the host, to the host and hostess of the house, honor and courtesy flow into all deeds.

There was never a child, in the world whose manners did not exhibit this heroism as ours; never anywhere the State has made such provision for leisure and for instruction and intellectual entertainment is so within reach of youthful ambition. The poorest man's son in America has, or may have, time, books, and a chance to develop any talent he may possess; and the rudest laborer finds himself associated, in his political functions, to the most refined and moral. Nowhere else is so much left to the private character and genius. The freedom of our institutions is favorable to the growth of character, and the peculiarity of our people is the inexhaustible variety of their talents. In a small company, in a few days, you shall see a good deal of the power of each man, and, if you are a good observer, you will see that the power of each is unique, and that he has a certain complement in himself. Nature seems to delight in forming a character which shall be the antipode of another, and thus to keep the balance true. Hence the perpetual attraction of strangers for each other. Hence the impossibility of marrying or of forming a friendship with your counterpart. Hence the delight in the company of children, because they are not finished, and their growth is a continual promise and hope. Hence the immense variety of men, and the delight in their society, because we are not only conversant with their talents, but we know that we want precisely such a person to complete us. We talk to him, we walk with him, we live with him, we dine with him, we travel with him, we sail with him, we ride with him, we study with him, we play with him, we work with him, we read with him, we worship with him, we wait with him, we watch with him, we weep with him, we laugh with him, we sing with him, we dance with him, we fight with him, we die with him, we live with him, we love with him, we hate with him, we forgive with him, we pray with him, we curse with him, we bless with him, we eat with him, we drink with him, we sleep with him, we wake with him, we rise with him, we fall with him, we stand with him, we sit with him, we lie with him, we lie down with him, we lie up with him, we lie in with him, we lie out with him, we lie over with him, we lie under with him, we lie by with him, we lie on with him, we lie off with him, we lie to with him, we lie for with him, we lie against with him, we lie before with him, we lie behind with him, we lie beside with him, we lie between with him, we lie among with him, we lie around with him, we lie about with him, we lie above with him, we lie below with him, we lie within with him, we lie without with him, we lie beyond with him, we lie beneath

NEW-YORK.

The Religious Luxuries of the Season.

Teas.

New York as Siberia.

Spring Fashions.

[FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.]

NEW YORK, March 18.

"Winter never rots in the sky." A homely adage, the wisdom of which the present season has proved beyond a doubt. Upon the principle that, if we escape here the penalty due to sin, we shall suffer it in larger measure hereafter, we have, perhaps, in the most deliciously balmy sunshine in January, forgetful of, or indifferent to, the fact that somewhere in these cold skies by-and-by there must set half that, just as we were about to bid adieu to heavy winter, would be poured upon us. The storms are out of joint. Who that reads our newspapers, or looks abroad over the earth, will say they are not? The question is repeatedly asked, Can we be indeed living in the last and perilous times?

Just now, owing possibly to the return of the Lenten season, the absorbing topic in social life is religion. There is a spirit of unrest abroad. Books of a semi-religious character are bought up and read with an avidity unknown, save to authors and publishers. The influence of sensational preachers are thronged. Masses are being of mixed parties instead of naughty operas.

"O, rest in the Lord" is sandwiched between the "Toreano Waltz" and "Waiting for the Evening Train." "Elijah," to sung by a tete of operatic stars, is decidedly decollete dresses and any quantity of false hair. The "Rev." Hepworth holds hundreds spell-bound every Sunday night, while, in the purest language, and with the most persuasive eloquence, he denies the existence of the Trinity, and distorts and falsifies the Master's own words, as Trinitarians think, in support of his theory. At St. Alban's and Christ Church, we have bodyworship; incense, the adoration of the cross, bowings, reverences, and genuflections so numberless that the members of the congregation look far more like Chinese Mandarins in a tea shop than sincere Christians doing homage in spirit and in truth to Him who seeketh such to worship Him. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth, is as true of the Christian world to-day as it was of the Israelitish people eighteen hundred years ago. Under which King, Dynasty, or country was two masters; it never has been, never is, and never can be done.

As an addition to our already sufficiently large supply of theatrical literature, Mr. James Parton is preparing a voluminous life of Voltaire. Mr. Parton, himself an acknowledged unbeliever, in pursuing his researches among the rubbish and mud undoubtedly furnish a full and authentic history of this extraordinary man. "Fanny Fern," after a severe illness, is quite herself again. Mr. Bonner, I am told, will not permit her to write "a line for any other paper or periodical than the Ledger," and, upon one or two occasions, when she has written articles upon the subject of woman's rights, which she is deeply interested, and begged Mr. Bonner's permission to consecrate them profits to some magazine, he has bought them from her at a price beyond that paid to the most popular writers. Mrs. Dahlgren has a charming home in Washington. I stood up behind her chair, as a looker-on, at a reception given by her last winter, and was struck with the beauty of the array of diamonds and rich dresses worn by the ladies present. Mrs. Dahlgren herself was attired in a rich, but simple, dress of black velvet and lace, and wore no jewels save a single diamond star in her hair. Her daughter, Miss Madeleine Dahlgren, a beautiful blonde, who was said here to be engaged to Admiral Porter's son, was dressed in white satin and pearls. Mrs. Admiral Dahlgren, the mother of the bridegroom elect, was present, but I did not see her. Mrs. Admiral Dahlgren is a stout, matronly looking woman, and is not at all handsome. Mrs. Dahlgren, the wife of Admiral Dahlgren, is a tall, slender, graceful woman, with a face which, if not beautiful, is very attractive. Her manners are perfect, and she is a most charming hostess. Mrs. Admiral Dahlgren, the mother of the bridegroom elect, was present, but I did not see her. Mrs. Admiral Dahlgren is a stout, matronly looking woman, and is not at all handsome. Mrs. Dahlgren, the wife of Admiral Dahlgren, is a tall, slender, graceful woman, with a face which, if not beautiful, is very attractive. Her manners are perfect, and she is a most charming hostess.

Mrs. Dahlgren has had a delicious sensation this winter in the shape of a visit from Mme. Carabine, a beautiful blonde, who was said here to be engaged to Admiral de Gabriac, a French naval officer, who was sent here to attend the funeral of Admiral Farragut. Mme. Carabine was very extravagant tastes; and, as she was accustomed to the society of the most fashionable people, she was not long in becoming bored with the dullness of Washington society. Mrs. Dahlgren, who is certainly hospitality itself, did her best to entertain her guest, but she was evidently very much relieved when Mme. Carabine announced that she was going to New York. Mme. Carabine was very much admired and sought after by everybody, and fell into the error of supposing that everybody living that her husband, who is an officer of the French navy, would himself on the verges of bankruptcy. To economize in Paris was an utter impossibility; so the lady was sent to purchase her outfit, and her husband and mothers' demands are satisfied. Mme. Carabine is now home, it is to be hoped a wiser if not a happier woman.

Yesterday, the first of the spring openings took place at one of the Fifth Avenue establishments. The various costumes displayed were unique, but by no means unbecoming. Some were imported. Contrasts is to be especially a feature during the coming season. For instance, a dress of rich black silk, with a heavy fringe of black jet, was elaborately trimmed with purple silk; a sash of the narrow ruffles on the skirt was edged with purple, and the effect was unquestionably striking. The effect of the upon pink and blue was a very pretty one. The lightest shade of rose, contrasted with golden brown, was profusely ornamented with fine white Chinese crape; woven into the edge of which was a silk fringe of brown and white. It is impossible to convey in words an idea of the exquisite beauty of this costume. A beautiful French gray silk had a flounce of the same half a yard deep, at the top of which was a band of brown velvet. A gray silk, trimmed with gray, and dove-colored velvet, was quite long in front, was draped high at the sides, and terminated in two long, pointed ends, which were ornamented with fringe. The back, the whole finished by a band of brown silk, bound in velvet. At the edge of the broad double skirt of the silk fringed, and a row of the expensive passementerie passing over from the bottom of the skirt, made a deep, rich trimming. The sleeves were also trimmed with fringe. Another dress was of a worsted embroidery of self color, stenciled about the edge. The seashell dress for a young girl was of fine white goat's hair, with a broad Spanish lace collar, and cuffs to match. The skirt was trimmed with sea-green silk, was very short, and looked extremely pretty. The lower skirt was composed of alternate longitudinal folds of green silk and lace. The folds were three inches wide, and extended to the edge. The overdress was finished with a band of the same green silk, and four scalloped silk fringe.

Some beautiful novelties were shown in Chalmers' sacques. The most expensive are delicately embroidered, like the "Spanish shawls, while others are literally covered with a combination of braiding and embroidery. They are all short, and very much studded. A dark silk sacque, trimmed with two rows of tinsel lace, very full, over white blonde lace, on either side of each seam, was finished at the [illegible] with feather fringe.

THE FATAL BOUQUET.

[From Temple Bar.]

What may be the exact meaning of such a bouquet as that in the centre of the epergne, I am not quite certain. Possibly some of my readers may be able to throw light upon the subject. I cannot say I ever had one sent to me, so I am not likely to find out, for self, as well as others. Many of my friends (perhaps I ought to say acquaintances) have received bouquets, but I am glad to say I can afford to pay for them; and therefore I am not tempted to refuse that you need not be afraid to ask—Bouquet as Arabella's was then carried, I assure you, and with a high hand "out of the window" it went, but there was carried by some one else at the end of a sort of corkscrew, in which way it was stuck in the sweetest of flowers. What was said, I do not (fortunately) recollect; but the ripe language performed had undoubtedly exercised a singular influence, for I must have been more than usually eloquent, voices were more than usually sentimental, and, of course, there was more than usually sentimental leave-taking. At last, however, it was somehow brought to pass that Arabella said, playfully, "Very well, then, on one condition."

"What is it?" I asked, eagerly.

That you carry it quietly as I do, and that you take it with you wherever you go to-day."

"That is all?" I said, rather surprised; "I promise!" and I am only too glad to accept them."

All that afternoon I held back the bouquet; my cane, when I think of the scene, I feel that I made a sound as of a low, but pleasant, laughing character, and I know that my lips, when I think of the scene, feel once more the pressure on them of the bouquet. And that something had four fingers and a thumb, and a pretty thumb! It was much prettier than mine, and I suppose that dimple is prettier than a knuckle.

Well, I carried the bouquet, and I hung it by the ring on my little finger; and, all at once, I began to feel unaccountably like a fool. I had said that I accepted the conditions, and I knew that I had spoken in my haste, and that I was not, and should not be, quiet as I ought to be. I took mournful leave of Arabella, who, as I fancied, looked relieved, and I said that I would call on her to-morrow, and shall report my particular account of all that befalls my bouquet.

I replied—gayly, as some people say; that is, I laughed loudly, and with a hysterical giggle.

My trials began as soon as I was outside the door, for a sympathetic cabman at once descending my half-confidential remarks, whipped his horse into a gallop and proceeded the safe regge he his harness. But I need not have hurried ranks to go, and it seemed ridiculous to pay so long and economical man to ride that short distance. However, I persisted in the idea, in question that is a free country, such as we have the happiness to live in, that we can do what we only has on a wedding garment (which, by-the-by, I considered not unlikely that I had done remarkably well, but also that I was very lucky), and a deplorable object to look at, so much with, with a bouquet in my hand, would not be restrained from dropping right and left, and I was not very sorry to get rid of the last of them. Finally, from the bonnet-wearer's scandal, I got to the cabman, and crumpled up the last of them. It was a pity, for it was a fine specimen of its kind, and with a heavy heart, I found myself at last in my own chambers, far from King's Road, Chelsea. It was quite late, and I soon composed myself to sleep.

I therefore replied to Jones' kind suggestion, that I would, I am very much inclined to join for to-night at least, with those of his friends alone, I should have allowed myself, in the most unaffected manner, to be insulted to any extent short of personal violence. I, however, cheerfully resign to you the conclusion of the business you are good enough to say I have thus far conducted myself. If you will only either say, or wait for my adversary, finish him off, and I will join you for me, I shall be off by the first cab.

But just said—denying Jones declined to "take my leavings" (as he put it), and insisted upon seeing me safe to my lodgings. As we rode along, I descended of Jones what had become of my bouquet, and learned that it had been "torn to smithereens" and wind he had whirled out of the window. He had to forgive me, and learned that it was the rant-off coat-tail, that had been presented to Arabella. Jones told Jones that the "something heavyish" was the prayer-book Arabella had lent me (with my name in it, too,) that morning, and that she had has such queer ideas of a joke. He actually laughed when he told me that the greater part of the contents had been torn from his hands by the cabman, who carried off as a trophy by some one-looker.

The dreaded next morning came, and I prepared myself to receive Arabella's letter. I followed the servant into the room where Arabella and Jones were, and I have looked more dismayed if to the simple words, "Dear Sir," the servant had added, "with the cholera morbus."

Whatever have you been doing?" she asked, as she seized all scenes one cheek and the confusion on the left, "since I saw you last? Adventure.

I felt inclined to say: "Please, ma'am, was Jones," as if I were a little boy before his schoolmistress, but I controlled the inclination, and grinned feebly. I sat down, and nervously twisted my empty hands, in one of which she had evidently expected to see her bouquet triumphantly held.

"Where are my flowers?" she asked.

I shook my head sorrowfully.

"You have left them home, I suppose?" she said.

Again I shook my head sorrowfully.

"And where is my prayer-book?" she asked coldly.

"In a tail-pocket of my overcoat," I answered, faintly.

"Why didn't you bring it?"

"I forgot it."

"Why not? I thought it was in your coat-pocket."

"So I believe it is."

"Why didn't you look for"

"I haven't looked."

"You haven't your coat-pocket?"

"No; I will tell you all about it: and pray, be not excited as you come to hear."

And, without screening myself behind Jones, I gave him a straightforward account of my sad mishap. Arabella listened without interruption, but grew more and more like marble as I proceeded, and, when I had finished, she rose from her chair, whilst indignation flashed from her eyes, and said, in a contemptuous-ly, "So, after the language you used to me yesterday, you dared to take my bouquet and my prayer-book into such a place as that, and put my name in the prayer-book, too! Don't speak! Not a word! Not another word! Leave me again as you did yesterday. Good morning, Mr. Brown." And she swept from the room with a distant curtsey to Jones, who married the man who is popularly known as "Jones."

So the fatal bouquet cost one hat (a guinea), one overcoat (over guineas), a scratch on the face, a contusion on the left temple, a prayer book (with Arabella's name in), and Arabella. I call it expensive.

ABOUT HOGS.

[By the Editor of Scribner's Monthly.]

I suppose that the most unpoetical animal that ever was created is the hog. Certainly it is a hopeless task for any one to attempt to make a hog poetical. Even Burns, who could make a mouse, a daisy, and a field-mouse interesting, failed when he undertook to write about a pig. Burns's pig, being half-starved, takes from the turnip-field of a "cottar" to satisfy its hunger, and is driven off by the angry cottar. Burns tells us that the cottar's wife "wrang her hands," and that the cottar's children "cried sair for the bonnie grumphie," but he does not succeed in making us feel any sympathy for the pig. Burns's pig is a mere pig, and nothing more. Nor is it any better when Burns undertakes to describe the "auld sow" of Mailie, the poet's favorite ewe. The "auld sow" is a fat, lazy, selfish creature, and Burns's description of her does not change our opinion of her character. Burns's pig and Burns's sow are both unpoetical, and Burns's failure to make them poetical is a failure to make hogs poetical. Hogs are unpoetical, and there is no help for it.

BIBLIOMANIA

[From Appleton's Journal.

During the first three years of my residence in London, which consisted of a charming and singularly scarce books: Longfellow's Voices of the Night, 1839, \$125; Golden Legend, Wentworth's, by Mr. Wyman Cobden, 1840, \$200; Hyperion, 1839, \$197; H. D. Barton, Hasely Harmonies of Society, 1839, \$100; Hawthorne's Mosses of Old Manse, 1846, \$127; Melville's Mardi, 1849, \$127; R. Groome, The Seer, 1851, \$100; Whitman's Leaves of Grass, 1855, \$100; Poe's Poems, 1831, \$197; Poe's Discovery of Cosmogony, etc., 1850, \$122